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(U) Santa Anna – Homeless Man Set on Fire in 'Unprovoked' Attack

(U) Police have arrested a 45-year-old man suspected of dousing a homeless victim with fuel and setting him on fire in an unprovoked attack caught on video. Surveillance footage from the City of Santa Ana showed the moment when a man was engulfed in flames and left for dead in early April. He can be seen sitting on a sidewalk near the intersection of First Street and Broadway when a man rides into the frame on a bike, pours an accelerant over the man and sets him alight. The suspect had covered his face and was dressed in black when he approached the man, who was alone in front of a closed business. The victim, who tried to get away from the attacker, suffered first, second- and third-degree burns to his upper body. Physicians at a local trauma/burn center performed surgery on his wounds and he remained in a critical condition.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [Independent](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US CBP Officers Stop 74-Year-Old Cocaine Smuggler at El Paso Port of Entry

(U) El Paso – US Customs and Border Protection Officers working at the Bridge of the Americas international crossing seized over 35-pounds of cocaine Tuesday evening. The seizure occurred just after 7 p.m. when a 74-year-old US citizen entered the border crossing driving a mini-van from Mexico. A CBP Officer working the primary inspection booth noticed three large plastic containers located in a storage compartment and requested that a canine team screen the vehicle. A CBP canine unit conducted a vehicle search and alerted. Upon further inspection, to include a manual inspection and Z-Portal (aka X-Ray) exam, officers discovered approximately 35-pounds of cocaine secreted within the containers.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Three Accused White Supremacists Denied Bail Over COVID-19 Concerns

(U) Floyd County – Three Georgia men accused of belonging to a white supremacist group and of plotting to kill a couple were denied bond Thursday after requesting a hearing because of COVID-19 concerns, authorities said. Floyd County Superior Court Chief Judge Bryant Durham rejected bond requests for 25-year-old Michael Helterbrand of Dalton; 19-year-old Jacob Kaderli of Dacula; and 21-year-old Luke Lane of Silver Creek, news outlets reported. The three men face charges of conspiring to kill members of a militant anti-fascist group and participation in a criminal gang. Floyd County police said the men belong to "the Base," a group described by the FBI as a collective of hardcore neo-Nazis, operating as a paramilitary organization that is hostile to minority communities.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Oregon – Police Arrest Man with Pipe Bomb

(U) Portland – A 27-year-old man was arrested earlier this month after being found with a pipe bomb in

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the bathroom of a Jantzen Beach hotel, records show. Tyler Scott Whitney, is accused of unlawful possession of a destructive device. Court records do not say why he had the bomb or reference whether he had any plans to use it. An officer initially contacted Whitney on 5 April, when he was called to the hotel on a disturbance report, according to a probable cause affidavit.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [The Oregonian](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Gunman Shoots Six outside US Base**

(U) Kabul – An unknown gunman shot dead six local workers from the main American military base north of Afghanistan’s capital and wounded three others, an Afghan official said Friday. The nine workers, all Afghan nationals, were on their way home late Thursday when a gunman riding a motorcycle opened fire on them about 500 meters from Bagram air base, Parwan provincial governor’s spokeswoman Wahida Shahkar said. Shahkar said the gunman escaped. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said the group had nothing to do with the shooting.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [Radio Free Europe](#)

(U) Maldives – ISIS Claims First Attack in Island Nation

(U) Mahibadhoo – ISIS claimed it’s first-ever attack in the small island nation of Maldives. While the reported operation did little in terms of damage, it does represent the further spread of the group’s violence. In its weekly Al-Naba newsletter, ISIS reported that an exclusive source told Al-Naba that, “yesterday morning soldiers of the Caliphate attacked 5 boats belonging to the apostate Maldivian government.” Little additional information is given other than repeating what Maldivian media has reported. According to local outlets and authorities, five boats were indeed burned on the island yesterday. Local authorities have referred to the attack as “arson” and “a retaliatory attack for recent investigations into drug trafficking and religious extremism.”

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [Long War Journal](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Yemeni Convicted of Terror Attack at Riyadh Show Executed

(U) Riyadh – A Yemeni convicted of committing an armed terrorist attack after he stabbed two people during a show in Riyadh was executed on Thursday. Imad Abdulqawi Al-Mansouri, stabbed members of a show team participating in the Riyadh season, as well as a security guard, according to officials. Al-Mansouri was executed in Riyadh. He is also accused of terrorizing people and causing chaos and terror amongst the audience. He was captured by security and referred to the Specialized Criminal Court. The convict filmed himself with his mobile phone, before the attack, while wearing a mask and delivering a poem inciting violence. He later sent the video to others via WhatsApp.

SOURCE: 17 April 2020, [Arab News](#)

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